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Five Cents

GHI Board Permits Dual Ownership; Rescinds 'Pet' Eviction For Three

By Al Skolnik

A lively discussion concerning corporation policy on the ownership of more than one housing unit by a member featured the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors meeting on Friday, December 20. The discussion arose when a resident of a frame home in the 10-Southway court requested board permission to sublet his unit because he couldn't get the price he wanted. The member was buying an original brick home in Greenbelt.

The board, in the past, has generally granted a member leaving Greenbelt permission to sublease his unit if he could not find a suitable purchaser. Such permission, in the current case, would result in dual ownership which has been frowned upon by the corporation.

2 Year Grace

The mutual ownership contract provides that when a member is unable to sell his unit and the corporation does not exercise its option to repurchase the unit, the member may sublet his dwelling after giving the corporation 30-day notice of his intention to sell. Such subleasing, which may be for as long as 2 years, requires the consent of the corporation. No distinction is made in the contract between a member leaving Greenbelt and a member transferring to another GHI house.

GHI secretary Bruce Bowman traced previous board thinking on this problem. In the early years of the cooperative, the board forbade dual ownership or the purchasing of homes for speculation or rental income since it wanted to avoid the dangers of absentee ownership which had plagued other mutual housing projects in this area. This is still official policy, confirmed as lately as September 28, 1956, when the board adopted the Lastner committee recommendations on sales procedures. Nevertheless, Bowman pointed out, with the overwhelming majority of homes being occupied by members, the fears of absentee ownership have receded and the board has made exceptions to the rule of one house to a member. (A News Review examination of board minutes shows that on June 24, 1955, the board approved the subleasing of a frame unit of a member moving to a brick unit under circumstances similar to the current case.)

GHI manager Walker, in presenting the circumstances surrounding the current case, stated that the member had received offers for his dwelling at a price which the corporation considered reasonable for this time of the year. The member, however, felt that he could get a much better price in late spring, and wished therefore to sublet his unit for a period of 6 or 18 months.

Pro And Con

Board member Frank Kriby objected to the member's line of reasoning. He said that the member apparently took advantage of the poor selling season to buy an original brick Greenbelt home, and now he wants the corporation to assist him in avoiding the sale of his present unit in the same unfavorable market. He believed this was a member's responsibility and not the corporation's.

North End Property

Walker announced that plans to remodel the North End Store units have been delayed because estimates received from contractors have been much higher than the optimistic figure of \$2,500 per unit, originally quoted by Alfred Kastner, consulting architect. Walker said efforts are continuing to get the estimates down to a reasonable level.

The Tail End

The board voted to rescind its termination of contract notices to the following three members who have disposed of their pets: Lee Barnes, 5-C Plateau; Charles Kendall, 7-U Research; and Mrs. Ruth Taylor, 25-H Ridge.

Treasurer Lloyd Moore, while supporting Andros's position, laid greater stress on the fact that the

board should not take any action that would be considered discriminatory against a member who chooses to stay in Greenbelt. He felt that the board should treat the case of a member staying in Greenbelt no differently than that of a member leaving Greenbelt. In fact, he said, the board should lean backwards to favor a member staying in Greenbelt, in light of its long-standing policy of encouraging the transfer of members from lower-priced to higher-priced units.

Moore's position prevailed with the board which voted, with one abstention, that the same subleasing regulations which apply to departing members should also be applied to members who are transferring to another GHI unit.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Frank Lastner, acting GHI president in the absence of recuperating Ed Burgoon, appointed a committee consisting of George Eshbaugh, chairman, Kriby, and Andros to evaluate current subleasing procedures and to recommend any changes needed for their improvement.

Land Payment Due

Walker announced that GHI has agreed to a 60-day extension for the Continental Construction Company on the default period of the \$26,200 payment due GHI on the sale of the undeveloped land. Joseph Kanter, president of CCC, requested the moratorium because he was initiating negotiations for the development of the land with a well-known local builder. Peoples Development Corporation (which has a much larger amount due on its land loan note) also agreed to the extension. Lastner stated that CCC has maintained its current obligations, such as taxes due on the land and interest owed PHA.

Fire Insurance

The board heard Sidney Spindel, representing Merchants Businessmen's Mutual of Harrisburg, and Anthony Madden of Nationwide Mutual present bids for GHI's fire and extended coverage insurance. Since the inception of the corporation, January, 1953, this insurance has been underwritten by Nationwide. Last July, the final six months of the 5-year policy was cancelled and a new 5-year policy purchased in order to avoid a hike in insurance rates. Because of insufficient time, no competitive bids were obtained, a situation which the corporation is now seeking to rectify. The board decided to postpone action until its next meeting on Friday, January 10, when management will present its analysis of the bids.

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WHAT GOES ON

Sunday, December 29—2-6 P.M. Teen Dance, American Legion Hall
Tuesday, December 31—Lions Club New Year's Party. National Guard Armory, JCC New Year's Party, Ridge & Westway
Thursday, January 2—Great Books Open Meeting, 19-M Ridge
Friday, January 3—8:45 P.M. Duplicate Bridge, Social Room Center School
7:30 P.M. "Burning of the Greens," Braden Field

Final 1958 Budget Figure \$260,802; Tax Rate \$1.57, Drops Nine Cents

By Russell Greenbaum

Ending up with a figure of \$260,802, the city council on Thursday, December 19, approved a 1958 city budget that reduced the city manager's proposed budget \$10,500. This sets a real estate tax of \$1.57 per \$100 assessed evaluation for the coming year, a nine-cent drop from last year's rate.

The new budget figure includes the addition of \$1600, to be divided equally between the city clerk's office and the treasurer or finance department, and also \$2400 to pay the entire rent of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department for 1958. The tax on industrial property was set at 40 percent of the established rate or 63 cents.

Income, Outgo

RATZKIN BAR-MITZVAH

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ratzkin, 17-K Ridge, invite all their friends and neighbors to attend the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Michael, on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m. Rabbi Morris Gordon will conduct services at the JCC Building, Ridge and Westway. A kiddush will follow the services.

Taxes paid by Greenbelt residents will provide a revenue for the city of \$119,250 or less than half the funds needed to meet the budget. Other major sources of income are state taxes and motor vehicle licenses, which will bring in nearly \$40,000, the rent of the community building (Center School) to the county board of education, which comes to \$22,500 a year, and fees for trash removal, swimming pool admissions, and bus fares, all of which are estimated to bring in about \$62,000.

The income from the last three items, however, is artificial since the estimates are arbitrarily set to balance the funds that are established by the council to maintain and operate these items. For example, the income from trash removal fees originally set by the manager and based on the 17 cents a month increase for three collections a week was \$36,000, but this estimate was cut to \$33,500 in the final budget. The income from the swimming pool, on the other hand, was originally estimated by the manager to be \$14,000 but raised to \$15,640 in the final budget. Since less than \$14,000 was actually taken in by the pool last year, there may be a deficit of as much as \$2,000 in this account at the end of 1958.

Despite the apparent "deficit financing" and unexpected additional expenses, there is generally a surplus at the end of the year, which is applied to the following year's budget to keep the tax rate down. About \$14,000 was left over from the 1957 operating expenses, greater than had been anticipated.

Watchdog

In 1958 there may be an additional surplus of as much as \$4700 as the result of a point raised and vigorously argued by Bernard Sisco, Greenbelt's budget watchdog. In the past the city has been accustomed to levy a property tax at the same rate as the real estate tax and based on a 100 percent evaluation of inventory. However, the only city business firm from which this tax has been collected has been GCS since it is difficult to evaluate inventory of small business (some of whose stocks may be kept out of town) whereas corporations—like GCS—must provide records of their inventory. Recent court decisions have considered this practice, generally followed throughout the state, as discriminatory.

Recently the GCS comptroller wrote the city manager calling attention to this, although not actually filing a formal protest. McDonald told the council that a protest appeared likely and since it would be upheld, he decided to cut the personal property tax in half—\$1.57 per two hundred dollars evaluation, which would not be considered an unfair tax.

Sisco, however, pointed out that (1) the GCS board was already aware of this discriminatory tax practice but felt that the high rate should be paid in order to help support the community, and (2) even if GCS protested, the city would certainly not be required to cut the tax rate as much as one-half. At his suggestion, the council decided to levy the original full rate. Any funds collected over one-half of the amount would be placed in a special surplus account. It was also noted that this tax is not collected until the end of the year and that the matter should be clarified and settled by that time. The difference between the full rate and half the rate would add \$4700 to the city's income from GCS.

'Tree Burning'

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department with the cooperation of the Recreation Department will sponsor our annual "Burning of the Greens" on Friday, Jan. 3, at 7:30 p.m. on Braden Field.

In order to get all the trees possible each boy or girl who brings a tree to this designated areas on Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.—J.C.C., North End School and Braden Field—will be given a pass to a special matinee on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Theatre. The Community Band will be present along with five talented majorettes followed by a community sing. The Fire Department will have their new truck on display during the ceremony.

FLASH!!!

The Parkers had a baby boy on Christmas day, thus shattering the precedent set by three daughters. Details next week.

FOUND

In car on, December 19, boots and shopping bag with Christmas gifts. Two of the presents were marked (1) To Virginia from Craig, (2) To Virginia from Cindy. Call Mrs. Bridges, 3-E Crescent. GR. 4-7072.



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Santa Spins Into City

Thanks to the Lions Club of Greenbelt, Santa arrived by Helicopter as scheduled, in a driving rain. Close to 300 children were on

hand as Santa landed on the field of mud and water. All the children and Santa went into the Auditorium at the Center school where Santa passed out candy canes and visited with the children.

Public Notice

Pursuant to Section 11 E of the Constitution of Maryland under Sections 11 to 18, notice is hereby given to the citizens of the City of Greenbelt that the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland has passed Resolution No. 22 to amend sections 34, 36, 38, 40, 43 and 56 of the Greenbelt city charter. A brief synopsis of these amendments are as follows:

In Section 34 the addition of the words "and department heads" requires that the City Solicitor and department heads must be appointed by the manager with the consent of the Council.

In Section 34, Line 17, the addition of the words, "except that if an employee who is aggrieved by his removal by the city manager shall file with the city clerk in writing within ten days after said notice of removal a detailed statement setting forth why he should not have been removed. The said employee shall be entitled to a hearing before the Council after which the Council may rescind or modify the action of the City Manager.

In Section 36, Line 7: The City Council may, and as part of the two amendments to Section 34, take part in the appointment of department heads to the extent of giving consent, and may take part in the removal of employees presenting detailed statement of aggrievements caused by dismissal by the manager, and the City Council may take part by rescinding or modifying the action of the city manager.

Section 38 having to do with purchases, expenditures for supplies, material, equipment or contractual services involving more than \$1,000 shall be awarded after review and approval by the Council, and the powers to reject all bids and advertise again is transferred from the city manager to the City Council.

Section 40: The City Manager may, subject to appropriate adjustment in scheduled compensation and with consent of Council, permit employees to accept other employment not inconsistent with their duties to the city.

Section 43, Line 4: Provides that both the appointment and removal of the City Solicitor be with the consent of the Council.

Section 56 provides that any city improvement costing more than \$1,000 shall be executed by contract approved by Council, and the Council has the power to reject all bids and advertise again.

THOMAS J. CANNING,

Mayor.

Fatality on New Road Mars Traffic Record

A 68-year-old Glenn Dale resident, Bert Shaffner, died of injuries following a collision between his car and a truck belonging to the County Board of Education. The accident occurred last Thursday morning at the intersection of Greenbelt rd. and the newly opened Kenilworth ave. extension. Shaffner's wife, Pauline is reported to be in fair condition in Prince Georges Hospital.

Driver of the truck, John Schmidt, 53, of Temple Hills, was charged with manslaughter, reckless driving and failure to stop at a stop sign. According to one source, Schmidt said he saw the warning signs but thought they meant the barricade at the end of Kenilworth ave., several hundred feet beyond Greenbelt rd.

According to city manager Charles McDonald, it is the first traffic fatality within the Greenbelt city limits in eight years and the first caused by a collision in 20 years. McDonald warned that planned communities (like Greenbelt) are always in danger when new superhighways come close, and that citizens must exercise greater caution when on or near the new roads.

The intersection was the subject of serious comment by the city council during the public hearing on the budget the evening before the accident, when it was disclosed that stop signs were placed for Kenilworth ave. traffic, making Greenbelt rd. the "through" street.

Troop 746

The first 5 boys to become charter members of Troop 746 are: Richard Wertz, Brian Hunt, Skipper Perkins, Bucky Kelso, and Michael Lammons.

Many exciting things are being planned for this coming year by the Troop Committee which now includes: Albert F. Cousin, Rodney S. Wright, Lawrence Levine, Harold King, and Nathaniel Rothstein.

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 2, at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

TEEN DANCE

There will be a Teen Dance at American Legion Hall on Sunday afternoon, December 29, from 2-6 p.m. Admission 25c.

Councilman urged the manager to request four-way stop signs from the State Roads Commission. McDonald replied that he had already contacted the Commission regional engineer, and was informed that the matter was being considered.

The day following the fatal ac-

cident, 4-way stop signs were erected on the Kenilworth-Greenbelt crossing and the Edmonston-Greenbelt intersection.

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Greenbelt Center	School	3-2596
Greenbelt North	End School	3-2066
Morrison, Allen D.	58 H Crescent	4-6353
Pryde, Anne D.	60 C Crescent	4-8267
Shemonsky, Robert P.	20 E Parkway	4-8872

Inadvertently, there were several names beginning with "S" misplaced in the "R" listings, at top of page 29. Please note.

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Great Books Group To Meet In Homes

The Great Books Discussion Group at its meeting in the Library on Dec. 19 voted to resume its former practice of meeting in homes of the members. Several meetings were held in the Library to emphasize that the discussions are open to all. Mrs. Duane Emme, membership chairman, has announced.

The next meeting will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 2, 8:15 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Baron, 19-M Ridge. New participants, and old members if unable to attend, should telephone the hostess before the meeting.

The reading to be discussed is Book I of Sextus Empiricus' Outlines of Pyrrhonism.

Mrs. M. Russell

Mrs. Marjorie E. Russell, 56-E Ridge, was found dead of natural causes in her apartment last Thursday by her niece. Mrs. Russell, according to Police Chief Williams, lived alone and had been dead two days when her body was found. She was 70 years old.

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Elaine Skolnik - Granite 4-6060

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It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dambruskas, 3-C Plateau. Donna Marie made her debut on Dec. 10, weighing 4 lbs. 6 oz. She has a brother Raymond Charles who will celebrate his fourth birthday on Dec. 30. Happy Birthday Raymond!

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Alderson, 2-C Laurel, are the proud parents of a daughter born on Dec. 12.

Their first is a girl. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beck, 62-B Ridge, are the happy parents of Randene Loy. Randene arrived Dec. 7, weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz.

Birthday greetings to Melanie Stair, 6-T Hillside. This cute miss was two years old on Dec. 22.

The Bruce Bowmans, 14-Z-3 Laurel, have Ruth's mother, Mrs. Agnes Gray of Binghamton, N.Y., visiting for the holidays. Home for Christmas is Peter Bowman. Peter attends Antioch College.

The Geller family of Woodland have Harvey's dad, Meyer Geller of the Bronx, N.Y., visiting until New Years.

A very happy birthday to Marsha Ann Harding, 15-N Laurel, who

was four years old Dec. 22. Helping her celebrate were twenty youngsters, and guess who dropped in to say Happy Birthday?

The Woodland Homes Group had a social meeting at St. Hugh's last week. Dr. McCarl, Sr. showed movies of the development's growth over the years.

Birthday greetings to Gial Boykoff, 2-C Northway, who celebrated her eighth birthday on Dec. 23.

Former Greenbelters, Ina and Aaron Kornetsky are now living at 8801 Plymouth Street, Silver Spring. Their telephone number is JUNiper 8-1745. They have recently moved from Albion, N.Y. Kornetsky is now working for the Giant Food Company.

The enchanting Nutcracker Suite came alive last week when North End's first, second, and third graders delighted their audience with fine acting and dancing. Those uninhibited kindergarten tots also entertained in grand style.

The Center School holiday program was a charming presentation of "Christmas Around the World." Participating were graders 1 through 6 and, of course, the kindergartners.

Pfc. Donald John Hahn, 23, son of Fred J. Hahn, 118 Northway, has completed eight weeks of Infantry Basic Training today in the 2nd Training Regiment, Fort Gordon, Ga., Lt. Col. Curtis W. Markland, Regimental Commander, announced.

Sgt./F.C. Robert A. Newkirk, brother of Mrs. Ellen M. McCaully of 6-E, Hillside Road, welcomed his wife, Ida, and their son, Robert where they arrived at Fort Buckner, Okinawa, Dec. 6.

Mrs. Newkirk, who has not seen her husband for four months, made the voyage with her young son aboard the Military Sea Transportation service vessel, the USNS GENERAL E. D. PATRICK.

Sergeant Newkirk is assigned to the United States Medical Service Group, Ryukyu Islands, as a Chief Wardmaster.

George J. Bradley, electronics technician third class, USN, son of Mrs. and Mrs. G. J. Bradley of 7-E Ridge, graduated from the Electronics Technician School, Nov. 15, at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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